

### REMARKS

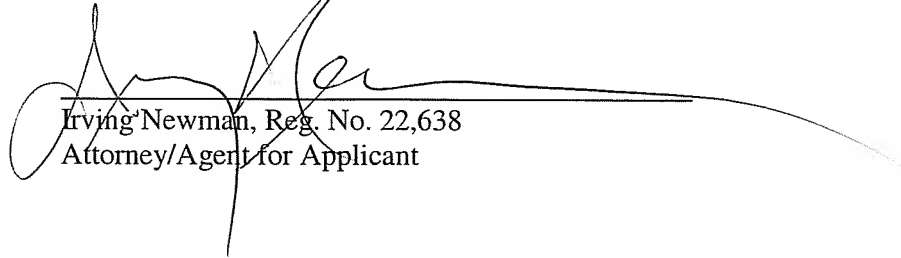
Claims 1-16, 18, 19 and 23 have been allowed. Claims 20-22 have now been cancelled, thereby obviating the objective thereto.

### CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, favorable reconsideration and prompt Notice of Allowance of all of the pending claims are earnestly solicited

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are due to this paper to Deposit Account No. **18-1982** for Aventis Pharmaceuticals Inc., Bridgewater, NJ. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. **18-1982**.

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